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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Labor Condition Application for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Non-Immigrants ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On March 31, 2015, the Department of Labor (DOL) will submit the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Labor Condition Application for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Non-Immigrants," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before April 30, 2015.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201503-1205-016](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201503-1205-016) (this link will only become active on April 1, 2015) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email:

[OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at

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AUTHORITY: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Labor Condition Application for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Non-Immigrants information collection. Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sections 212(n) and (t) and 214(c) require this information collection. See 8 U.S.C. 1182(n) and (t) and 1184(c). The DOL and Department of Homeland Security have promulgated regulations to implement the INA. Specifically for this collection, 20 CFR 655 Subparts H and I and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(4) are applicable. The INA mandates that no alien may enter the U.S. for the purpose of performing professional work on a temporary basis unless the U.S. employer has attested to the Secretary of Labor that the working conditions for the alien will not adversely affect the working conditions of similarly employed U.S. workers; that the

salary will be at least the prevailing wage for the occupational classification in the area of employment or the actual wage paid by the employer to all other individuals with similar experience and qualifications for the specific employment in question, whichever is higher; that there is no strike or lockout in the course of a labor dispute in the occupational classification at the place of employment; and that the employer has met all other requirements of the program as specified in the regulations. The information collection instruments are used by employers seeking to use non-immigrants (H-1B, H-1B1, E-3) in specialty occupations and as fashion models or by interested parties who want to report violations. The information permits the DOL to meet its statutory responsibilities for program administration, management, and oversight.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1205-0310.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2015. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-

month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on December 31, 2014 (79 FR 78910).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section by April 30, 2015. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205-0310. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Labor Condition Application for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Non-Immigrants.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0310.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; State, Local, and Tribal Governments; and Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 58,014.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 1,299,841.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 567,627 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: March 24, 2015.

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